

REMARKS

The Specification is amended in order to improve readability. Claims 1-6 and 8-16 are pending. Claim 11 is amended. Support for the amendment to Claim 11 is found in original Claim 7 and the text on page 3, lines 30ff. No new matter is believed to be added upon entry of the amendment. Upon entry of the amendment Claims 1-6 and 8-16 will be active.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1-6, 8-10, and 13-15 are allowed. Upon entry of the amendment, it is believed that Claims 11, 12, and 16 will be allowable too.

The rejections of Claims 11-12 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), over the disclosures US '508; EP '608; and JP '572 are respectfully traversed.

The disclosures of US '508, EP '608 and JP '572 do not describe or suggest a method as described in Claim 11.

Therefore, Claim 11 and dependent Claims 12 and 16 are allowable over these disclosures.

It is kindly requested that the Examiner withdraw these rejections.

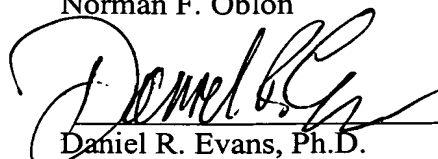
The objection to the Specification is obviated by amendment.

In view of the amendments to the claims, the present application is now in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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